

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 031898D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of Groundfish Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 8, 1998 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, (Route 1) Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is for the development of comments on alternative measures to address the overfished condition of Gulf of Maine cod; identification of issues and options, and a review of proposals to meet the stock rebuilding objectives necessary to bring the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan into compliance with the requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act; discussion of other tasks as assigned by the Groundfish Oversight Committee.

Although other issues not contained in these agendas may come before this Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of

formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

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Dated: March 19, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of revision of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has rescheduled the public meeting of the Whiting Committee (Committee) that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for revisions.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial notice published on March 17, 1998 (63 FR 13034). The original notice stated that only the Whiting Committee would meet on Tuesday, April 7, 1998. The meeting has been rescheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, and will now be a joint meeting of the Whiting Committee, Whiting Advisory Panel, and Whiting Plan Development Team. The Whiting Committee will reconvene

by itself on April 9, if necessary. The April 9 meeting may be cancelled if the Committee feels that the April 8 meeting will be sufficient to develop management measures for public hearings. Recommendation from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. The agenda is as follows:

Wednesday, April 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m.—Joint Whiting Committee, Advisory Panel, and Plan Development Team meeting

Agenda: Discussion of appropriate trip limits, mesh restrictions, and other measures to end and prevent overfishing on silver hake (whiting) and red hake stocks and to provide basic protection for offshore hake; discussion and development of management measures for public hearings.

Thursday, April 9, 1998, 9:00 a.m.—Whiting Committee meeting

Agenda: Final development of management measures for public hearings.

All other information previously published remains unchanged.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 031698C]

Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research/enhancement permits (1128, 1129) and modifications to scientific research permits (900, 946, 1056). Issuance of scientific research permit #1113.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at La Grande, OR (ODFW) (1128) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW) (1129) have applied in due form for permits and that the Fish Ecology Division of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center at Seattle, WA (NWFS) has applied in due form for modifications to permits (900, 946, 1056) that would authorize takes of endangered and threatened anadromous